in great haste yours for the slave

G. B. Perry

Rev A. A. Phelps. Rec. Sec of M. A. Society

Bradford June 20th 1839—

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Dear Sir

I believe could I at this time explain the whole matter you would think that in declining the trust reposed in me by the Mesopotamia Ab. Society in appointing me one of the Vice Presidents I have neither relaxed in my interest for the cause, nor in my respect and confidence in those associated with you in this great work of justice and benevolence. And I hope as I have opportunity to give myself with all the talent and influence which I possess to that cause while I live or while there is one in this or in any other country held in the unnatural cruel and sinful bonds of Slavery. You will please not to insert my name among the officers, neither do I wish any mention made of my having declined the appointment. I make this observation if no allusion is made to it. With my best wishes for your success in those associated with you I am Dear Sir (over)